1	2	3
13.	Kerala	
14.	Madhya Pradesh	40.842
15.	Maharashtra	45.025
16.	Manipur	
17.	Meghalaya	
18.	Mizoram	0.374
19.	Nagaland	1.558
20.	Orissa	
21.	Punjab	3.445
22.	Rajasthan	17.362
23.	Sikkim	
24.	Tamil Nadu	34.848
25.	Tripura	
26.	Uttar Pradesh	100.271
27.	Uttarakhand	6.238
28.	West Bengal	39.25
29.	A & N Island*	0.107
30.	D&N Haveli	
31.	Daman & Diu	0.005
32.	Lakshadweep	
33.	Puducheny	

* for Andaman only

NB — States and UTs have been advised to strictly adhere to the upper limit prescribed for them for identification of BPL rural households.

Suggestions for the effective implementation of NREG

†2147. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA;

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that the reports of huge loopholes in the implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme have come to the notice of Government;

if so, the details in this regard;

whether several suggestion for the effective implementation of this programme have also been received;

if so, the details of suggestions received from various sources; and

the steps taken by Government to implement the said programme effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) CAG was requested by the Ministry to undertake performance audit of NREGA for the year 2006-07 in 68 phase I districts In its

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draft report submitted to the Ministry by CAG some irregularities have been reported in the implementation of NREGS. These mainly relate to procedures such as application for employment, issue of dated receipts, job card formats, muster rolls, maintenance of record registers. The draft report has been examined in the Ministry and has also been shared with all the States. The States have given their responses to the observations made by CAG in the draft report. These have been sent to CAG State responses are in the process of examination by CAG for finalisation of the performance audit report of NREGA. In addition, complaints have also been received from various quarters regarding irregularities in the implementation of NREGA. State-wise details of the complaints along with the action taken by the Ministry thereon have been put on the website www.nrega.nic.in under the heading "Complaints".

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Suggestions have been received from various quarters for effective implementation of NREGA. These relate to payment of wages through Bank/Post Office accounts of NREGA workers and revision of guidelines and formats under NREGA.

(e) Steps taken by the Government for effective implementation of NREGA are:

(i) Awareness generation

(ii) People's participation

(iii) Transparency

(iv) Strict vigilance and monitoring

(v) MIS/e-knowledge network

Construction of houses under IAY

†2148. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

the number of houses constructed, as on date during the last three years under Indira Awaas Yojana particularly in backward rural regions in the country alongwith the details of open and constructed area allotted to houses;

the number of persons living in rural areas of the country, particularly national capital of Delhi, who don't have housing facility as-on-date; and

the steps taken by the Government to provide housing facility to the homeless rural people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTAPATIL): (a) to (c) With a view to providing housing facility to the homeless rural people, the Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) Scheme throughout the country, except Delhi and Chandigarh, under which financial assistance is provided to the rural BPL households for construction of a house. As per the information furnished by the Registrar General of India, based on 2001 Census, the total housing shortage in rural areas in the country was 148.34 lakh as on 1.4.2001. The rural housing shortage in Delhi was reported to be 7200. Since inception of the Scheme in 1985-86,174.14 lakh houses have been constructed under the Scheme. A statement showing State-wise number of houses constructed under IAY during the last three years and the current year, is given in the enclosed Statement.

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